

Application No. 10/661,020  
Preliminary Amendment Dated April 19, 2005  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 13-18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A desirable property-goal of absorbent materials such as disposable diapers, incontinence pads or feminine hygiene pads, is that the urine they absorb does not become a haven or breeding medium for bacteria. The bacteria are undesirable because they catalyze the breakdown of substances in the urine, creating products that cause a strong odor and skin irritation. --.

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 9-14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In a related aspect, the invention is a composition that comprises a material whose surface is anionic (is negatively charged) and that further comprises polymeric biguanide noncovalently bonded to that anionic surface. Examples of materials that have such an anionic surface include but are not limited to cotton, pulp, and rayon. --.